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Governor Musgrove Hails Success in Funding for Federal Mandates

(Jackson, MS) – As states find it more and more difficult to fund federally mandated programs during a time of national recession, Governor Ronnie Musgrove today announced \$210 million in funding for federal mandates in Mississippi. Musgrove has been a leading national proponent in urging Congress to provide fiscal relief to pay for such mandates.

“While the country has experienced a national recession over the last few years, Mississippi has made more progress than almost all other states in the nation,” Musgrove said. “Securing \$210 million to pay for federally mandated programs is not just a victory for Mississippi but also for each and every Mississippian.”

Around the country states are facing tighter and tighter budgets, which makes it even more important for the federal government to pay for programs that it requires states to implement. Senator Thad Cochran has worked along with Musgrove to secure fiscal relief for Mississippi and all states, which during times of national recession, are often the hardest hit when it comes to implementing federal mandates.

“When the federal government mandates states to implement federal programs, it must help states pay for those programs,” Musgrove said. “We worked hard to get Congress to recognize this difficulty, and today marks a major victory for all states.”

The Rockefeller Institute of Government, a nonpartisan public policy research center, recently released a study that cites the national recession as the number one reason states have experienced declines in revenue. Musgrove has worked along with a bipartisan group of governors from around the country to help find solutions to declining revenues in state budgets.

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